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Please tick (✓) applicable box

Agree

Disagree

(Optional) Please provide reasons for your response:

New opportunity for children in the area
with space constraints at other schools

Are there any other comments you have about the proposal for Countesswells?

Appreciate further communication as proposal
progresses

Thank you for your comments.

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New Countesswells School Consultation 2019: Online Responses

Status	Primary School Name/Other	Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the proposal: To establish a new primary school on the identified site - N7 (see appendix 1 in the proposal document for site location) within the Countesswells development, Aberdeen; and: To relocate pupils zoned to Countesswells School from their current temporary accommodation to a newly constructed school building at Countesswells following its completion; and: These proposals to take effect from August 2021 or as soon as possible thereafter?	Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the proposal: To establish a new primary school on the identified site - N7 (see appendix 1 in the proposal document for site location) within the Countesswells development, Aberdeen; and: To relocate pupils zoned to Countesswells School from their current temporary accommodation to a newly constructed school building at Countesswells following its completion; and: These proposals to take effect from August 2021 or as soon as possible thereafter? - Comments (Option A)	Are there any other comments you have about the proposal for Countesswells Primary School? - Other Comments
Primary Parent/Carer	Kingswells	Agree		
Local Resident		Agree		
Primary Parent/Carer	Kittybrewster	Disagree	<p>There currently is no primary at Countesswells and I am wondering if they are getting a new primary and academy due to space issues. I think there are a variety of other schools in poorer areas of the city where pupils could benefit so much more from new facilities.</p> <p>My children attend Kittybrewster Primary School which is building from the late 1800's. It is no longer fit for purpose. They struggle for space, it is on multiple floors and is dilapidated. The toilets are beyond disgusting and the other facilities have a lot to be desired.</p> <p>They were meant to at least get the toilets repaired last year and got bumped until the summer holidays this year. Lets see if they get done.....</p> <p>I fail to see how a school such as Kittybrewster is continually ignored for redevelopment whereas other schools are being seen to first. The council has a policy where every child has the right to an education and an equal start in life. However as always the money is being spent in one of the wealthiest areas of Aberdeen. Like wise Cove is well catered for and the Bridge of Don has multiple schools.</p> <p>Spend money on schools and pupils that actually need it instead of leaving people behind!!!</p>	
Local Resident		Agree	With a growing population at Countesswells, newly constructed schools (primary and secondary) in the area are a must. This will facilitate better development of a new area of Aberdeen whilst reducing the load on existing schools at Hazlehead and Airyhall and improve quality of teaching there. Additional schools and jobs associated with them will provide a welcome boost to the area also.	Developers at Countesswells to be held to ensure terms of the Section 75 for the development are delivered on time. Provision of infrastructure to the North (roads to Kingswells and Jessiefield junctions) should be prioritized to ensure proper access for the new schools from neighboring areas.
Local Resident		Disagree		
Pre 5 Parent/Carer		Agree	The school is a much needed facility in Countesswells which is rapidly growing. By 2021 the area will have expanded even more with new families. It's essential the area's children are settled at a permanent primary school as soon as realistically possible to ensure the best possible education.	I believe residents are keen to know if there will be a school nursery. I would also be interested to know how staffing will be addressed given the shortage of teachers. For myself personally, I would like to be reassured that benefits such as breakfast groups will be up and running when the school opens to ensure working parents in the community are supported.
Primary Parent/Carer	Airyhall	Agree		
Pre 5 Parent/Carer	Fernilea	Agree		
Primary Parent/Carer	St Joseph	Agree		
Pre 5 Parent/Carer		Agree		
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Primary Parent/Carer	Airyhall primary	Agree		
Pre 5 Parent/Carer		Agree	Significant planned housing development and the children are entitled to have a full school experience. The high demand for Airyhall has led to children being seperated from a full school experience.	Should be opened to Kingswells and Cults also struggling with provision and new housing demand
Pre 5 Parent/Carer		Agree		
Other	Councillor	Agree	Primary school provision must be made for residents of the new Countesswells village. And having purpose-built premises with suitable sport and recreational facilities is essential. From the question, and as temporary accommodation is defined, it appears that some teaching staff are already available. I do have serious concerns that sufficient staff will not be available when the new school is built to be able to populate the complete teaching program. A thought occurs to me that the developer could make low cost dedicated accommodation available to teaching staff but perhaps that idea is already being explored?	
Primary Parent/Carer	Robert Gordon's College	Agree		
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Pre 5 Parent/Carer		Agree		
Pre 5 Parent/Carer		Agree		
Primary Parent/Carer	Airyhall Primary School	Agree		

Airyhall School Parent Council	Airyhall School	Agree	There is a clear need for this school.	<p>Yes -</p> <p>1. Concerns re Lack of nursery provision until new school is built Countesswells School will have a nursery and primary school. Interim plans for the new school have included primary pupils and have excluded nursery pupils. This lack of interim nursery provision and planning for Countesswells School Nursery pupils means that ante-pre-school pupils living in zone for Airyhall School Nursery are losing and continue to be at risk of losing places as priority is now being given to both Airyhall and Countesswells pre-school pupils as 'in-zone'. There is also a lack of clarity for Countesswells and future Countesswells parents about ELC zoning.</p> <p>2. Concerns re After-school clubs and After-school care We have been told that buses will be provided from the Countesswells School at Hazlewood site to Airyhall School to allow Countesswells pupils who currently attending Airyhall After-school club to continue to attend there. It is unclear what will happen for after-school provision for Countesswells pupils otherwise. The lack of clarity is also causing problems for Countesswells parents in arranging after-school care with childminders, for example. There is also an impact for Airyhall School pupils and families as sought-after after-school club places are being taken up at their own school's after-school provision by Countesswells pupils.</p> <p>3. Concerns re ASN provision What will be the ASN provision at the new schools planned for Countesswells? There will be different levels of support needs in each class and it is vital that the right level of support is in place. Lack of adequate ASN provision impacts on all learners' needs. As well as planning for now, the immediate future at the new Countesswells School, both while based at Hazlewood and on moving to its permanent site, there also needs to be a long-term strategy within the City, to identify and meet all pupils' needs, supporting both pupil and staff development to the highest level. We believe that Aberdeen City Council could and should be tracking and planning for children with additional support needs of all levels, especially significant, through partnership working with health and social work from birth, into education from early years. While there are excellent provisions across the city, there should also be enough provision and places for all pupils who will not have needs met via presumption of mainstreaming. There could and should be investment in training, developing, valuing and retaining specialist staff, both teachers and support, in the area of additional support needs. Thank you for considering and addressing our concerns and comments. We would be grateful to receive your feedback.</p>
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Countesswells School Pupil Audit

Audit was conducted with both classes, Primary 1-3 and Primary 4-7

Do you want to move to a new school building? 2 responses

Yes - 7. no - 3. maybe - 1

yes – 11

What are you most looking forward to about moving to a new school building? 2 responses

Our own space

Our own colour uniform

meeting new people

a big gym hall

it will be closer to our houses and we won't need to take a bus to school

our own playground that we won't have to share with another school

What worries you about moving to a new school building? 2 responses

Meeting new people

Getting used to new teachers

how would lunchtimes work and would the food be different?

we might forget to move some of our things like chairs to the new school

What would you like to see or have in your new school? 2 responses

Astro big gym hall with lots of equipment

Laptops

ipads

smartboards

art room and art teacher

a slide

a swimming pool

i want my new school to be coloured violet

a bigger space than we have now a bigger school than we have now

beanie bags in the classroom to sit on

a climbing frame in the gym hall

a trampoline in the gym hall

smartboards that work in the classroom

a big picture of all the pupils in the school at the door

a football area

a big library with loads of book

toys to play with when we have finished our jobs and imaginary play areas like a police station, fire station, vet and fun things like that.

a quiet room new chairs in lots of different colours

What ideas do you have for the playground? 2 responses

play equipment gardening area trees / forest to make dens in

swings, a climbing wall, monkey bars and other play equipment

a wooden bridge
trees for playing hide and seek and for making dens and having hammocks
a scooter and bike park
astro
a sand pit
a shelter for when it is raining
a big playground
an exercise area
games painted on the playground ground
picnic benches
benches for sitting and relaxing with friends
tree house

Do you have any questions about your new school? 2 responses

Will we get to help design it?

Will we get to play on the astro after school?

Will it be fun?

How many classrooms will there be?

How many teachers will there be?

Do we get to help build the school?